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MEMORANDUM FOR: GEORGE SHULTZ
FROM: CHARLES COLSON
SUBJECT: BLS Release

This is the kind of thing that BLS does very, very badly. This is really where Jeff Moore is incapable of delivering for us. It would have been terribly easy to write this press release in such a way that we took full credit for a decline in strike activity in 1971. We could have cited more effective collective bargaining assistance, more effective mediation service assistance and, of course, the freeze and Phase II, as well as perhaps the most important thing of all the Construction Industry Collective Bargaining Council work. Instead BLS suggests that one of the reasons for the decline in the number of strikes was the high level of unemployment during the year.

Believe me, our detractors really don't need our help in thinking up these kind of nasty ploys. We don't have to offer it to them.

I suppose this is water over the dam because there is nothing we're going to do about Moore at this point, but this is the kind of thing that is damned disheartening politically and which I'm sure Jeff just doesn't even understand.

cc: Fred Malek
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